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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Indictment<sup>1</sup> against James Howard for bank fraud, aggravated identity theft, and conspiracy.

According to the indictment, from May 2008 through January 2009, the defendant received stolen account information of customers of Citizens Bank and then provided that information to other individuals who manufactured fraudulent photographic identification documents in the names of customers of the bank, using the photographs of “check-runners,” individuals who then posed as customers of the banks and withdrew or attempted to withdraw money from those customers’ accounts.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
James Howard	North 16 <sup>th</sup> St., Philadelphia	30

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 57 years imprisonment, and a \$4,000,000 fine.

The case was jointly investigated by the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Secret Service. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney K.T. Newton.

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<sup>1</sup> An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.